AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A method of standardizing character information in electronic documents comprising the steps of:

comparing character information including character code and font information a font for each character used in an electronic document to character information a font within a target replacement font set in order to automatically generate a [[font]] comparison table for use during actual character information [[font]] replacement;

presenting said [[font]] comparison table to a user;

said user amending errors in said [[font]] comparison table; and actually replacing said character information including character code and font information [[font]] used in said electronic document based on said [[font]] comparison table as amended.

2. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing further comprises:

inputting an electronic source document;

inputting a font set used in said electronic source document;

inputting a target standardization font set;

inputting a comparison table made in a previous conversion;

inputting font object information to describe a rule set to limit objects of character comparison and a rule set related to mapping for each kanji radical; and

outputting a [[font]] comparison table candidate list.

3. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

outputting weighting information regarding mapping between similar <u>character</u> <u>codes</u> <u>characters</u> as a reference file.

4. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 2, wherein said [[font]] comparison table candidate list takes as

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elements groups comprising one character <u>code</u> within a source font and a plurality of characters character <u>codes</u> within a target font compatible with said source font.

- 5. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 4, further comprising adding priority level information for said plurality of character codes characters within said target font.
- 6. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein the [[font]] comparison table is a list taking as elements a corresponding relationship between a group of a source font set and character code within this source font set and a group of a target font set and character code within this target font set.

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- 7. (Original): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing is carried out automatically using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology.
- 8. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of amending error in said [[font]] comparison table further comprises the steps of:

displaying a candidate list for the [[font]] comparison table for every entry; and said user selecting one character <u>code</u> from said candidate list.

9. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein a [[font]] comparison table and a rule set describing a structure of a source electronic document are input and standardization of fonts and character code used in said source electronic document are carried out in said step of replacing said character information [[font]].

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10. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said font set to be provided as a replacement font is a font with Unicode encoding set of the Unicode font.